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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

U.S. Application No. (if known)

**10/509901**

INTERNATIONAL APP. NO.

**PCT/EP03/03330**

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

**31 March 2003**

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

**3 April 2002**

TITLE OF INVENTION

**WOODEN ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR ITS MANUFACTURE**

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EU/US) the following .

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 317(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Patent Office.
6. ☐ A translation of the International application into English.
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)).
  - a. ☒ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11. to 16. below concern documents or information included:**

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An Assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
- ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items of information.

References

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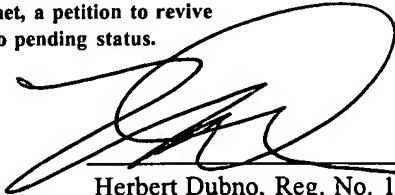
17. The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5): Search report has been prepared by the EPO or JP ..... \$900.00  Int'l prel. exam. fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) ..... \$720.00  No int'l prel. exam. fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but int'l search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) ..... \$770.00  Neither int'l prel. exam fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor int'l search fee (37 CFR 1.455(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$1080.00  Intl. prel. exam. fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Art. 33(2-4) ..... \$100.00  ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY          <div> <div>\$1,080</div> </div>	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					
CLAIMS	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	18	0	\$18	\$0	
Ind. claims	0	0	\$86	\$0	
MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM(S) (if applicable) (see prel. amt.)			290		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$1,080	
Reduction of 1/4 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must also be filed (37 CFR 1.2, 1.27, 1.28)				\$540	
SUBTOTAL				\$540	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).					
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE				\$540	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The Assignment may be accompanied by an appropriate PTO-1595 cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.39)					
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED					
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- a. ☐ A check in the amount of \$540 to cover the above fees is enclosed  
b. ☐ Please charge my deposit account 18-2025 \$ to cover the above fees. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
c. ☒ Please charge the amount due to the credit card identified in the attached PTO-2038.  
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e. A PTO-2038 in the amount of \$ to cover recordal of the Assignment is enclosed

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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